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Premier Josef Stalin
The Kremlin, Moscow
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Your Excellency:

I am writing you as attorney for and on behalf of
Miss Anna Louise Strong.

My client was recently arrested in the USSR, kept in confinement and then deported after being charged with espionage.

After consultation with Miss Strong, it is my opinion that the charge made against her is unfounded. She herself believes that her arrest was due to the grave errors of certain lower officials of your government. She notes that no specific statement was ever made to her as to what she was charged with having done, and that not one word of defense or explanation was ever allowed her.

This charge, made against an estimable woman, has wrecked useful and important work that she was doing in furthering the cause of peace. It has thus injured the forces working for peace in many countries, and has had a tendency to disturb further the relations between the people of the United States and those of the USSR.

I therefore respectfully request that your Excellency order an investigation to be made in this matter. Since she was denied all opportunity for defense in the USSR, my client is willing to be confronted with any papers found in her files, and explain any activities of hers ever done in your country, before any official of your Embassy here that you appoint so that she can effectively disprove the charge of espionage.

If you find that the charges instituted against her by lower officials of your government were made without foundation in fact or law, I respectfully request that your government retract the charges against Miss Strong.

It is important that such errors be rectified promptly in order to encourage friendly cooperation between nations.

Very sincerely,

O. JOHN ROGGE (signed)

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